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## ADVISORY BOARD

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October 26, 2009  
City Hall – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 12:30 P.M.  
Engineering Conference Room  
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas

### MINUTES

**Members Present: 8**

Richard C. Bonart, Charles S. Wakeem, Lois Anne Balin, Luis M. Ruiz, Richard L. Thomas, James H. Tolbert, Bill Addington, Kevin T. von Finger

**Members Absent: 1**

Walt Phillips

**Member Vacancies: 0**

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Gonzalo Cedillos

**Parks and Recreation Staff Present:** Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Shamori R. Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Richard Garcia, Park Development Manager, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant, Daisy Romero, Secretary

**Others Present:** Nick Costanzo, Vice President of El Paso Water Utilities, Trish Tanner, Jobe Materials, Heather McMurray, Judy Akerman, Rick LoBello, El Paso Zoo Education Curator

1. Meeting Called to Order - Chair Bonart called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: September 28, 2009  
Motion made by James Tolbert to approve the minutes as written. Second by Kevin von Finger. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Call to the Public: None
4. Discussion and Information: Alternate Route for “Mountain to River” Connection  
Mr. Nick Costanzo, Vice President of El Paso Water Utilities, gave a PowerPoint presentation identifying PSB land and Mountain to River flow paths. Discussion followed regarding the preservation of arroyos, location of State Park and hike/bike trails. (handout)

Jobe Materials representative Trish Tanner answered questions regarding land leased to Jobe Concrete by the GLO.

*Bill Addington arrived at 12:50 p.m.*

Clarifications were made regarding GLO property and resources for accurate maps. Charlie Wakeem presented aerial photos to help identify those properties. (handout)

Charlie Wakeem made a motion to have a stakeholders meeting with all the stakeholders that have property from Mountain to River along 41A. Amendment to the motion by James Tolbert, in the interest of preservation, is to include representation by the Open Space Advisory Board. Charlie Wakeem second. Motion carried (unanimously).

5. Presentation Information: Conservation Development

Lois Ann Balin presented “Conservation Development” PowerPoint presentation. Questions and comments followed. (handout)

6. Discussion and Action: Open Space Zoning Category – *Postponed*

*Luis Ruiz left meeting at 1:56 p.m.*

7. Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements

Shamori Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator reviewed Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Highlights included with the agenda packet. Discussion ensued on Riverbend Hike and Bike Trail. Shamori Whitt reported on a proposed project for the Mowad property, which is surrounded by junk yards.

8. Discussion and Distribution: Reference Manual

Open Space Advisory Board Reference Manual, prepared by staff, was distributed to board members present. Shamori Whitt explained each section of the manual.

Copies of the Green Infrastructure Plan were distributed to members as needed.

9. Discussion: Items for Future Agendas

Shamori Whitt stated that postponed agenda items from the October meeting would be placed on the November agenda.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.